HOUSE BILL 1841

By Hawk

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56 and Section 63-1-155, relative to electronic delivery of health care.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-1012, is amended by deleting subsection (g).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-1003(a)(6)(A)(iii) is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(iii) The healthcare services provider makes use of HIPAA-compliant, real-time, interactive audio, video telecommunications or electronic technology, or store-and-forward telemedicine services to deliver healthcare services to a patient within the scope of practice of the healthcare services provider as long as the healthcare services provider, the healthcare services provider's practice group, or the healthcare system has established a provider-patient relationship by submitting to a health insurance entity evidence of an in-person encounter between the healthcare services provider, the healthcare services provider's practice group, or the healthcare system and the patient within sixteen (16) months prior to the interactive visit. The sixteen-month period is tolled for the duration of a state of emergency declared by the governor pursuant to § 58-2-107.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to an insurance policy or contract issued, entered into, renewed, or amended on or after that date.